**MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : All that I wish to know is the particular stage at which the work is now standing according to the Chief Engineer.

**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT** (*Chief Engineer*) : I recently visited the district in company with the Honourable member. There were eight different inspections on that day and consideration is being given to the various requests made by the member. I cannot say now at what stage those constructions are.

*Opening of roads, public tanks, etc., maintained with public funds, to all classes.*

10. ***MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state the steps taken by them in pursuance of the Press Communique issued early in Makaram 1109 regarding the opening of roads, public tanks, etc., maintained with public funds to all classes of His Highness's subjects irrespective of caste or creed?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The question is under the consideration of Government.

**MR. A S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether this question was under the consideration of Government even before the issue of the Press Communique referred to in the question?

**PRESIDENT** : That does not arise. Let us understand that a supplementary question is intended for the purpose of elucidation of information already given in answer to a question. If the answer is vague, is not full, or is defective, then of course, supplementary questions come to the aid of the interpellator and official members will be in a position to give them definite answer.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : May I know how long it will take for Government for consideration of the question?

**PRESIDENT** : That is a matter of opinion.

**MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*) : In view of the strong prevalence of opinion in the country, will the Government expedite the settling of the question?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The matter is under the consideration of Government. They will do all that is possible to expedite it.

**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*) : May I know how far their consideration has progressed?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government called for a list of roads and tanks maintained with public funds. A conference of the heads of departments concerned was held under the presidency of the Dewan for the consideration of this important question, and as a result of the conference four schools were thrown open to all classes of people. Further consideration is necessary before the whole question is decided.

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**PRESIDENT**: Will the Chief Secretary assure the House that the whole matter is being vigorously pushed through?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, Sir. The whole question is being very vigorously pushed through.

*Sale of immovable properties for arrears of tax.*

11. ***MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of cases in which immovable property was proceeded against for recovery of arrears of land tax in each of the years 1104, 1107, 1108 and up to 26-11-1109; and

(*b*) the amount that is to be recovered as cost from one defaulter whose properties are sold for arrears for land revenue?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(*a*) 1104— Rs. 3,910
1107—17,172
1108—15,982
1109 (up to 26-11-1109)—30,938.

(*b*) The amount that has to be recovered as cost will vary according to the amount of arrears and according to the nature of the property proceeded against.

If the property proceeded against is—

| | *Minimum charge.* | *Maximum charge.* |
|---|---|---|
| (*a*) Movable | Chs. 15 | Chs. 19 |
| (*b*) Immovable | ,, 21 | Re. 1-0-0 |

**MR. K. R. ELENKATH** (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether in reference to part (*b*) there was any particular case in which the movable property was proceeded against while there was immovable property?

**PRESIDENT**: That does not arise.

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government are aware that, in the case of arrears of tax on certain lands, other lands belonging to the same owner are attached and brought for sale for realisation of arrears?

**PRESIDENT**: That is a vague question. Can you give an instance for it?

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): That is being adopted by the Revenue Department as a custom.

**PRESIDENT**: Is that being adopted as a matter of policy?

**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Yes, Sir. If the owner possessing property No. 2 has to pay arrears of tax on No. 1, property No. 2 is attached.

**PRESIDENT**: Do such cases arise, Mr. George?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): The usual practice is to proceed in the first instance against the property the tax on which is defaulted. If it is not possible to recover the

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